

Results Area: Healthy and Sustainable Communities

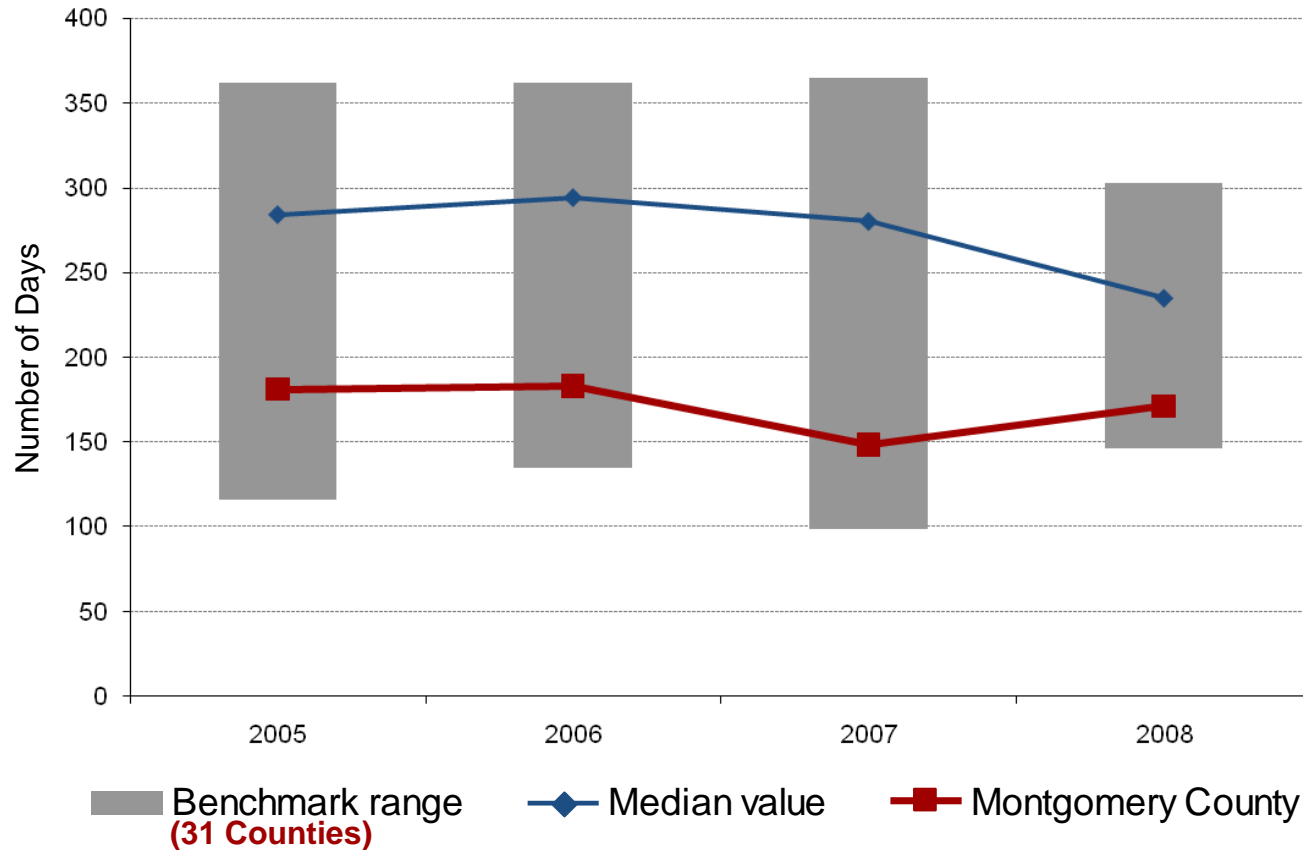
People come to Montgomery County because of its renowned quality of life. Our residents value our urban centers, our agricultural communities, and our suburban neighborhoods. A clean environment along with diverse opportunities for recreation and the arts are essential elements of our quality of life. As our community changes and grows to one million people, the Leggett Administration is committed to revitalizing older communities, attracting and retaining quality businesses, providing adequate public facilities, and developing healthy and sustainable new communities based on the principles of smart growth.

Statement on Healthy and Sustainable Communities from the Leggett Transition Team Report (December 2006)



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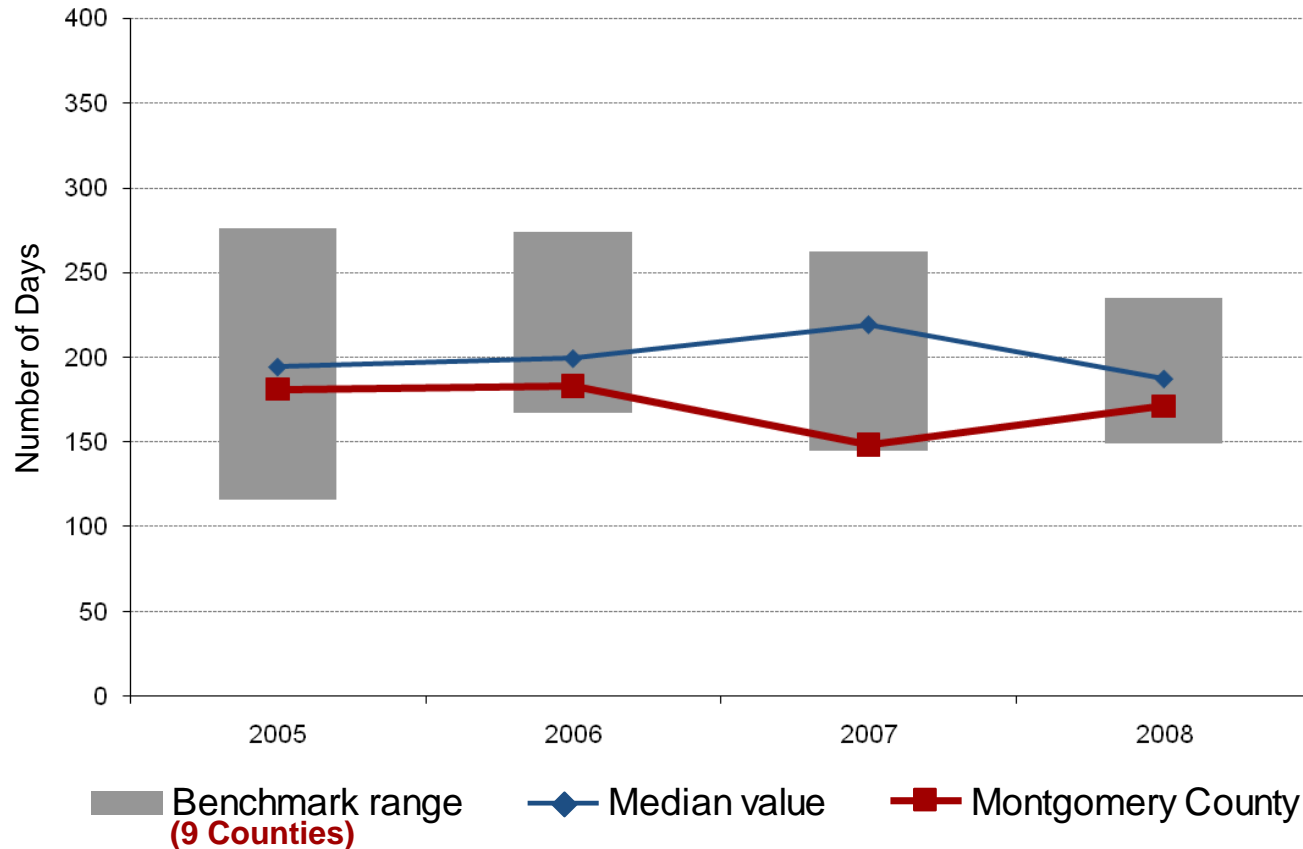
Indicator: Number of “good” air quality days



In 2008, the median value was 235 days. In Montgomery County, there were 171 “good” air quality days. In 2008, the highest value was 303 and the lowest value was 146.



Source: Air Quality Index, EPA, data is captured regionally and therefore only a national benchmark is presented

Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Number of “good” air quality days**

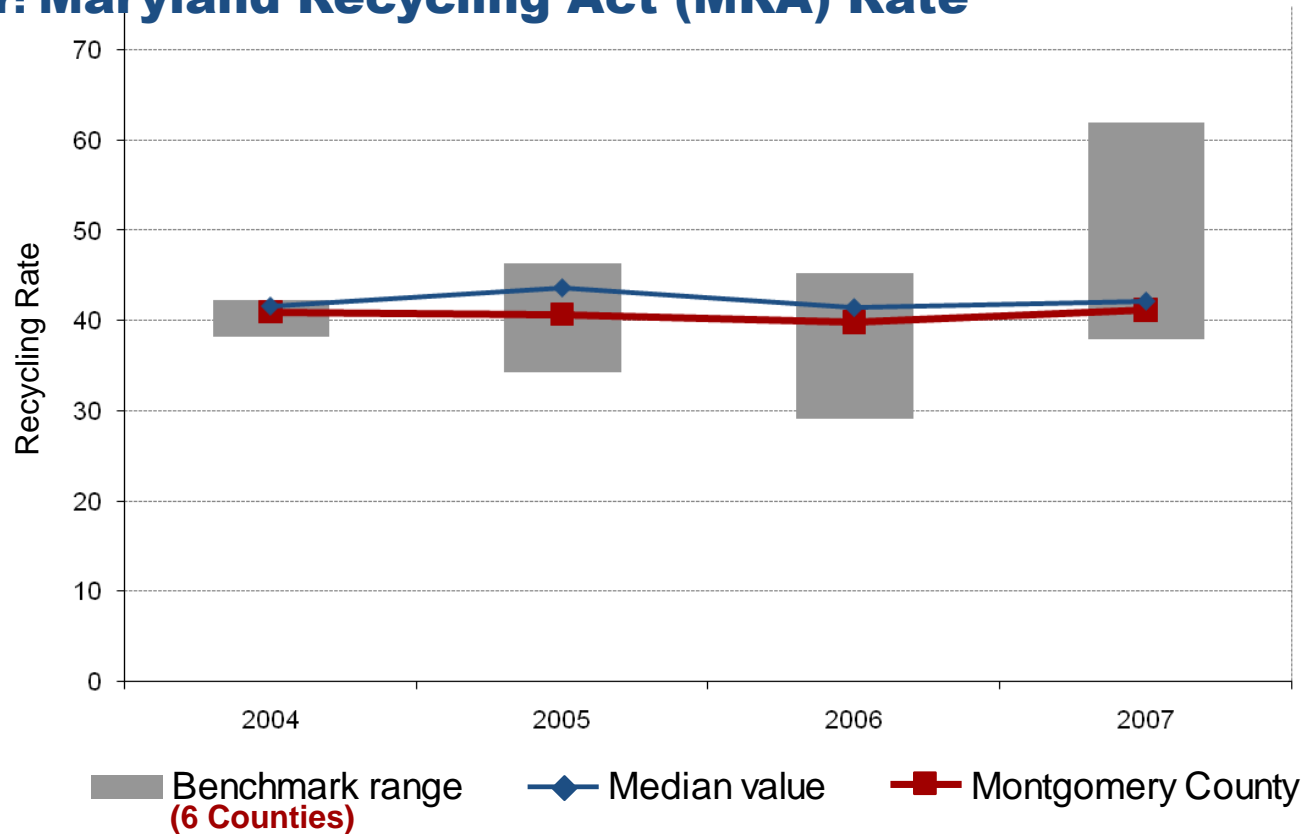
In 2008, the median value was 187 days. In Montgomery County, there were 171 “good” air quality days. In 2008, the highest value was 235 and the lowest value was 149.



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Indicator: Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) Rate¹



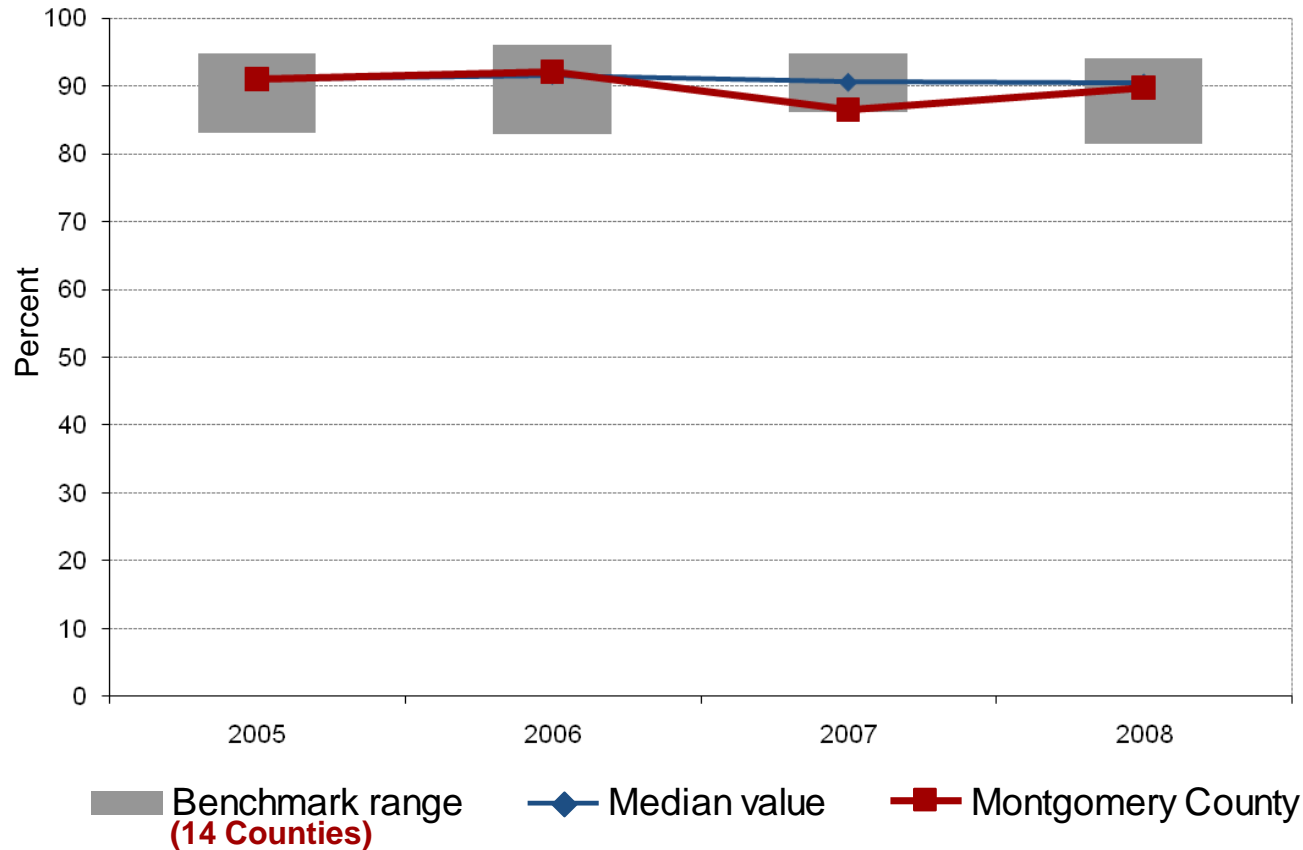
In 2007, the median value was 40 percent. In Montgomery County, the recycling rate was 39% ². In 2007, the highest value was 62 and the lowest value was 38.

Source: Maryland Department of the Environment "Waste Diversion Activities Report" 2006-2008

1-Data is annually self-reported to Maryland Department of the Environment by each county and calculated based on the MRA mandate. It includes ash recycling, which is not part of Montgomery Co's program.

2-Montgomery Co-calculated recycling rate is higher, 43%, due to its yard waste recycling component.

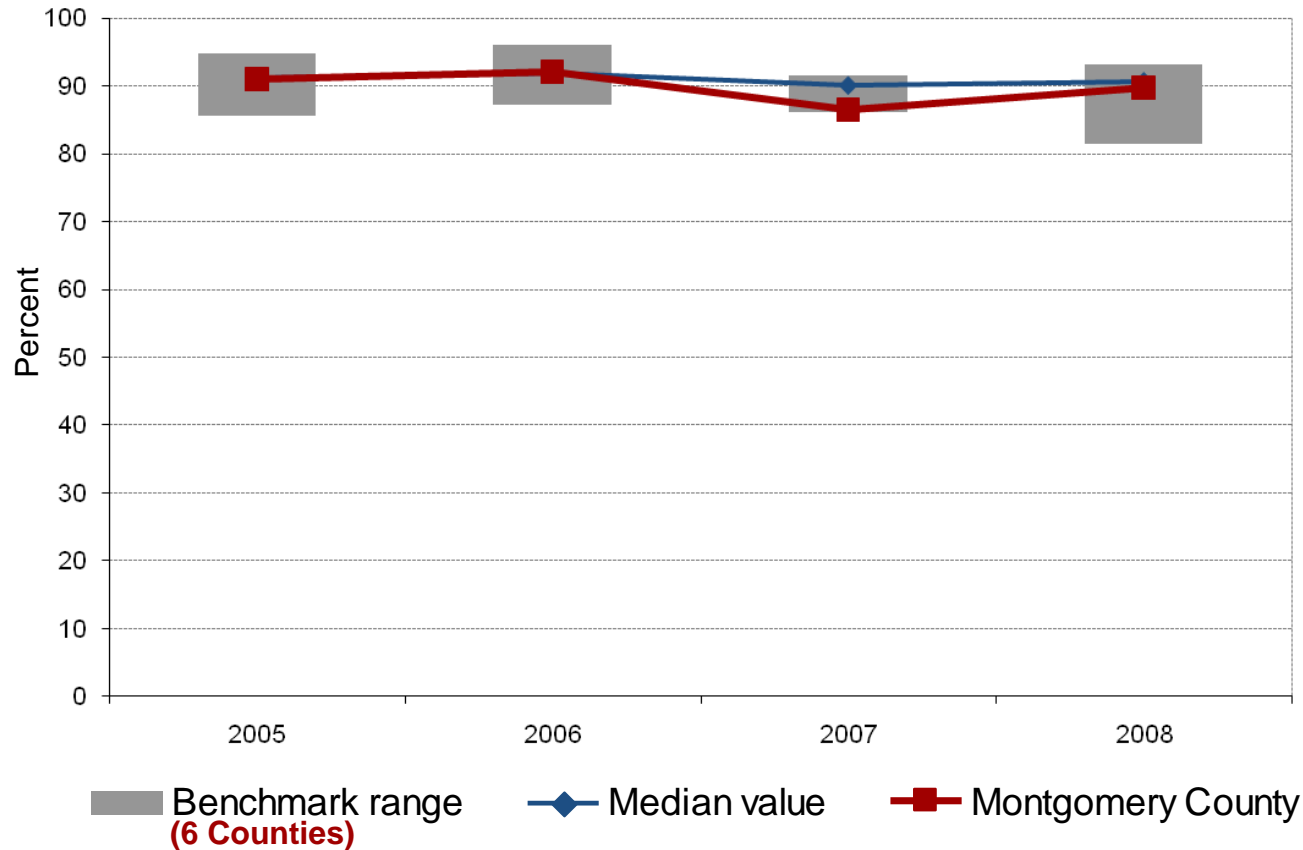


Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Number of adults with health coverage**

In 2008, the median value was 90 percent. In Montgomery County, 90% percent of adults had health care coverage. In 2008, the highest value was 94% and the lowest value was 82%.



Source: Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Number of adults with health coverage**

In 2008, the median value was 91 percent. In Montgomery County, 90% percent of adults had health care coverage. In 2008, the highest value was 93% and the lowest value was 82%.

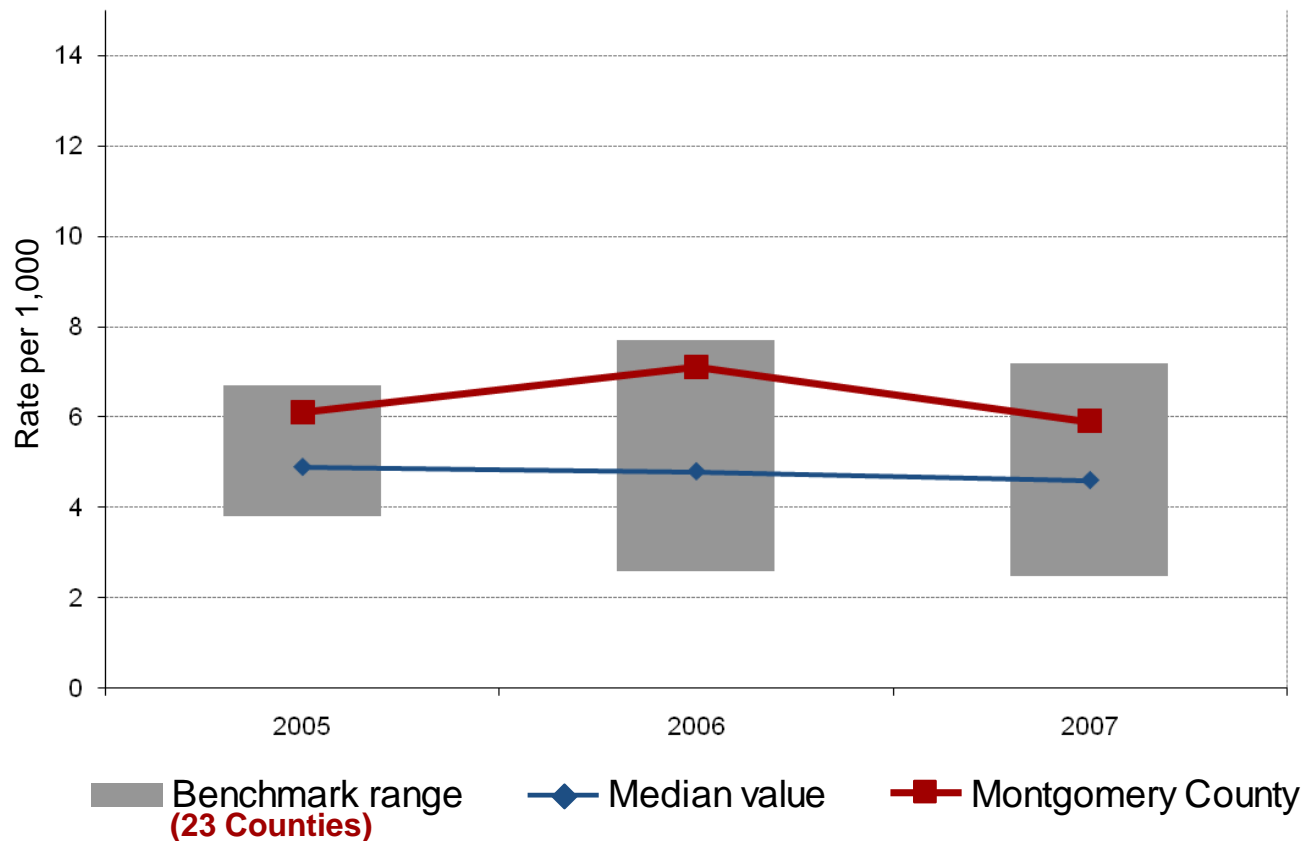


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Indicator: Infant mortality rate

National Benchmark



In 2007, the median value was 4.6. In Montgomery County, there were 5.9 infant deaths per 1,000 births. In 2007, the highest value was 7.2 per 1,000 and the lowest value was 2.5 per 1,000.

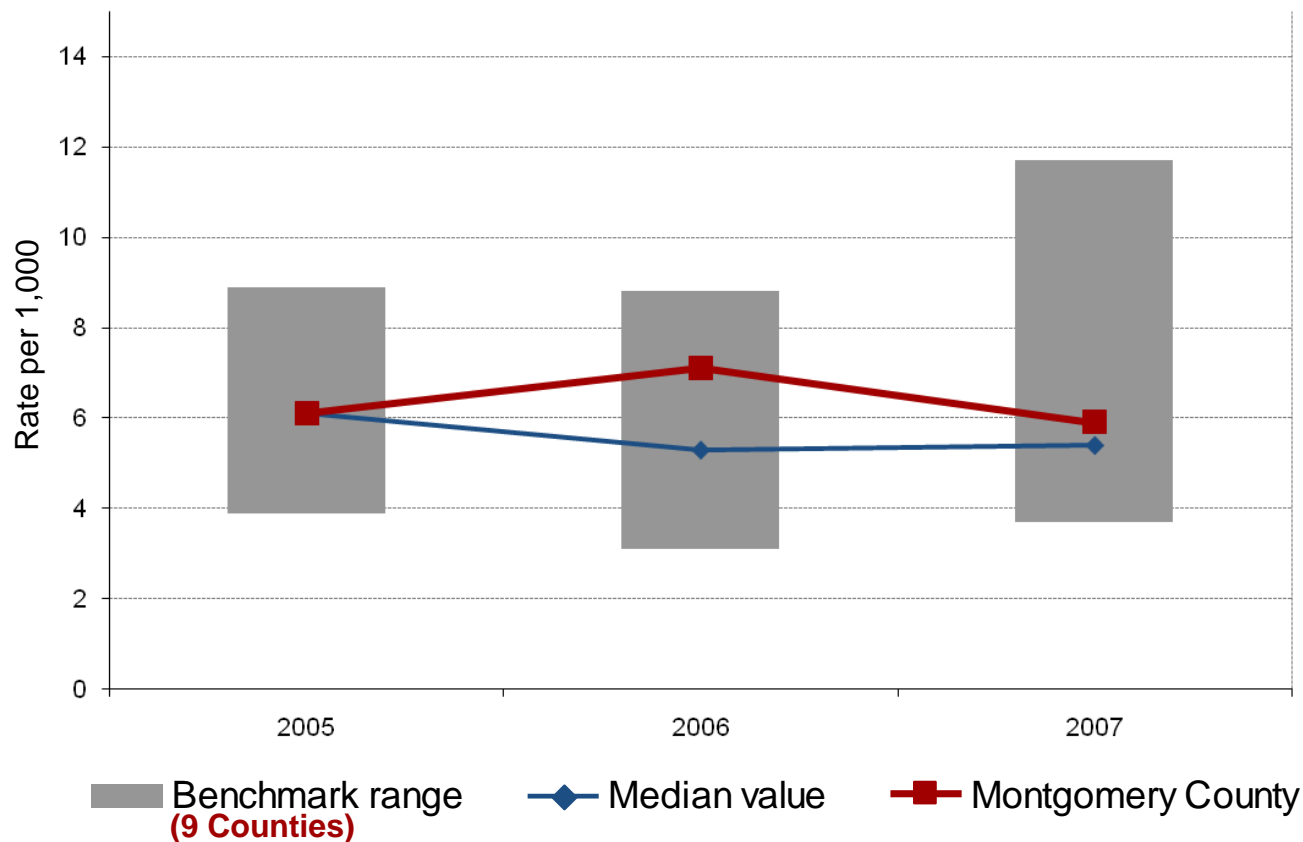


Source: State departments of health

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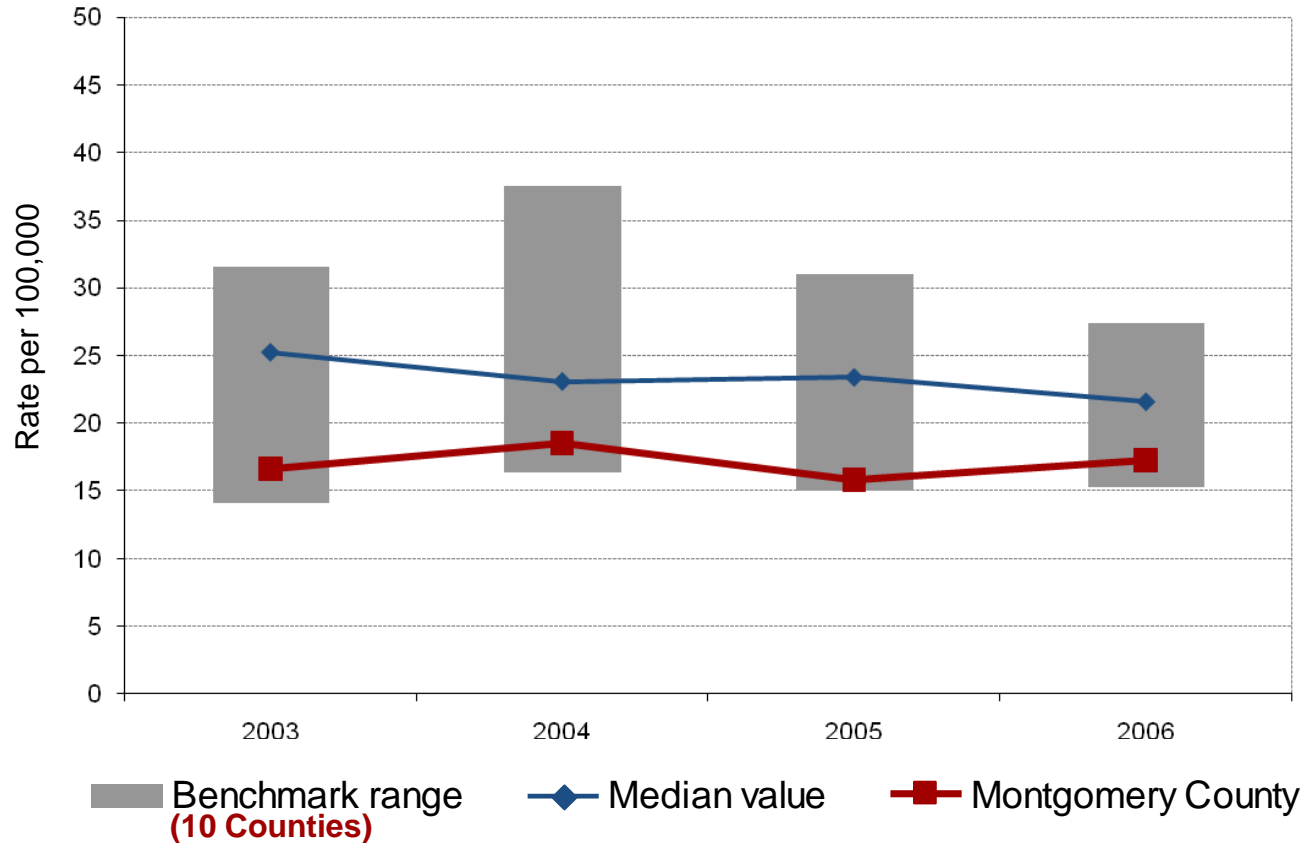
Regional Benchmark



In 2007, the median value was 5.4. In Montgomery County, there were 5.9 infant deaths per 1,000 births. In 2007, the highest value was 11.7 per 1,000 and the lowest value was 3.7 per 1,000.



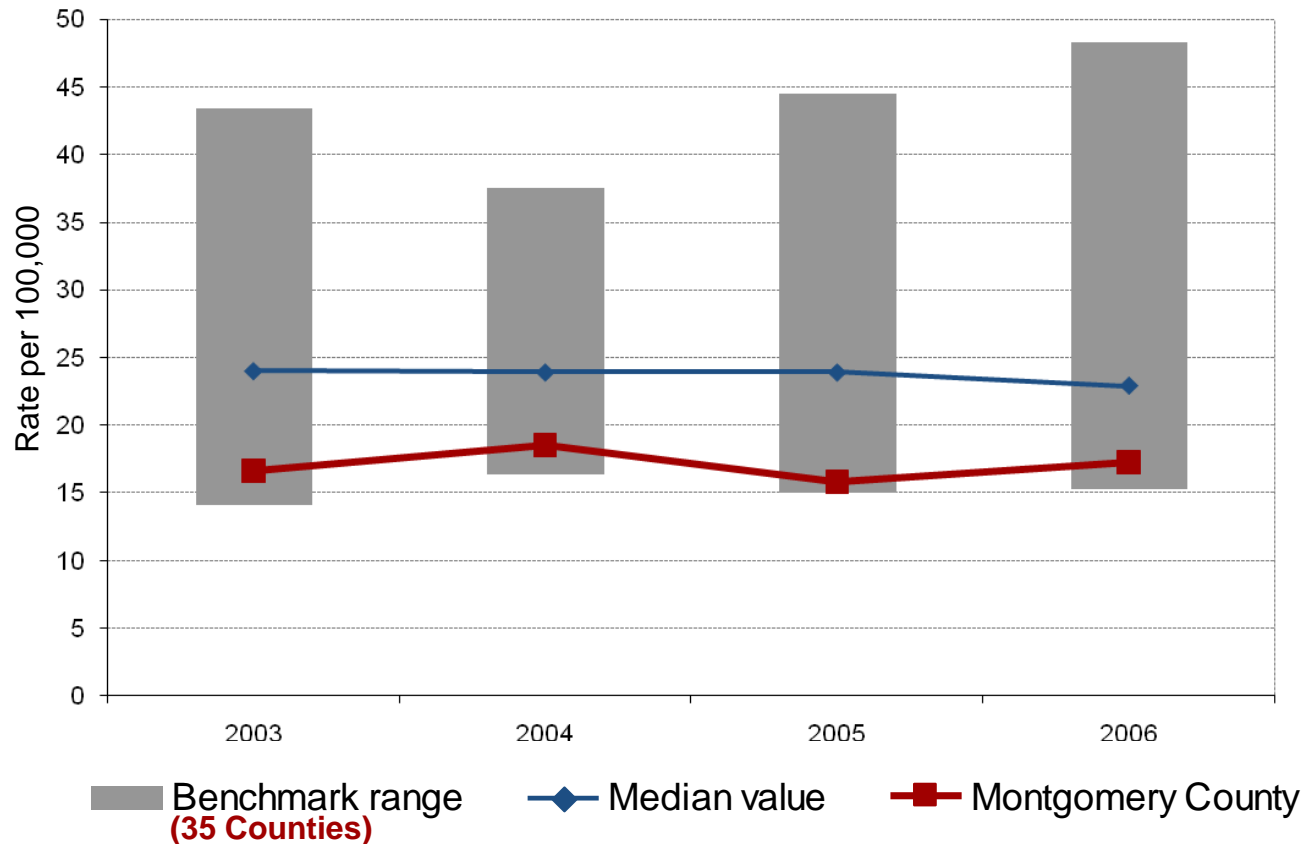
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Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Injury-related death rate**

In 2006, the median value was 21.55. In Montgomery County, there were 17.2 unintentional injury deaths per 100,000 population. In 2006, the highest value was 27.4 per 100,000 and the lowest value was 15.3 per 100,000.



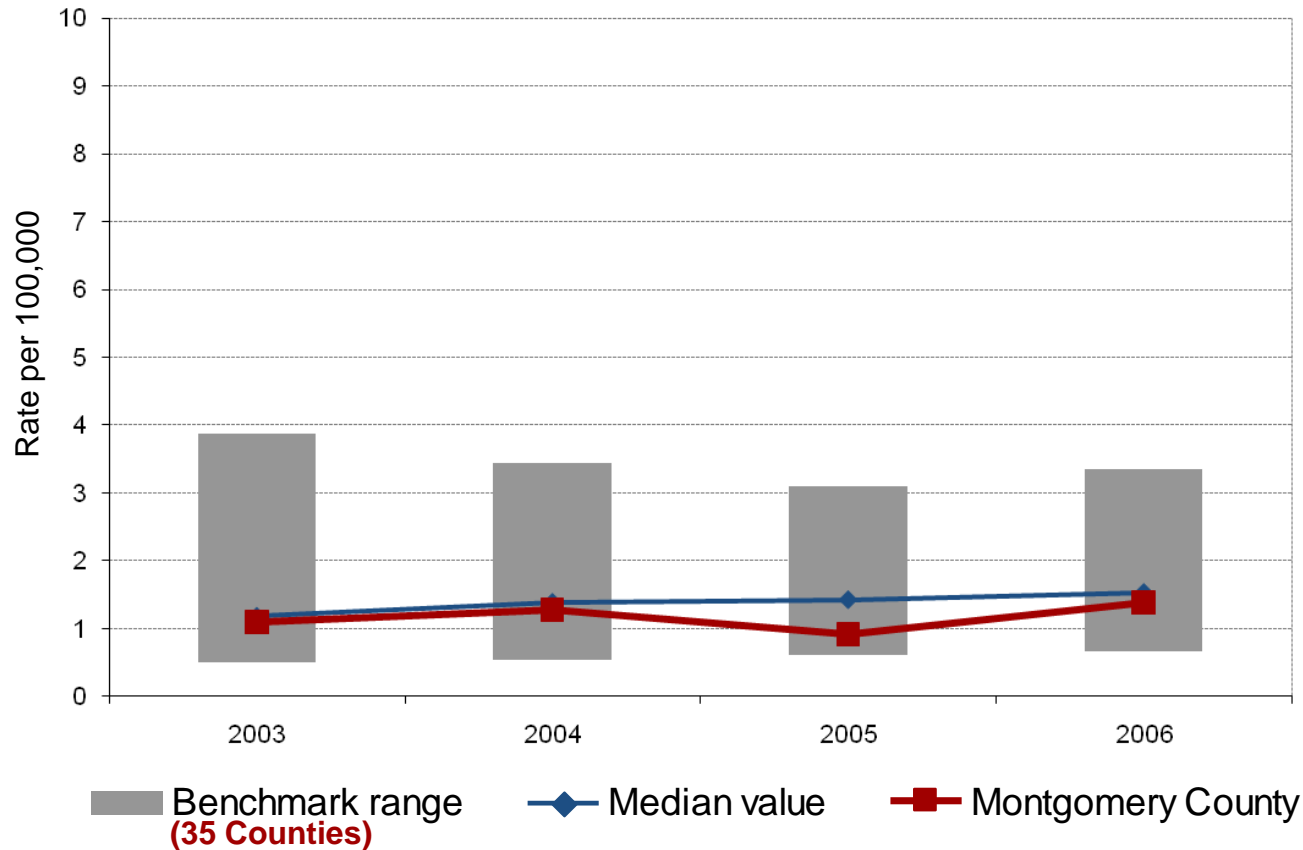
Source: Office of Women's Health, US Health and Human Services; only 2003-2006 data available

Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Injury-related death rate**

In 2006, the median value was 22.9. In Montgomery County, there were 17.2 unintentional injury deaths per 100,000 population. In 2006, the highest value was 48.3 per 100,000 and the lowest value was 15.3 per 100,000.



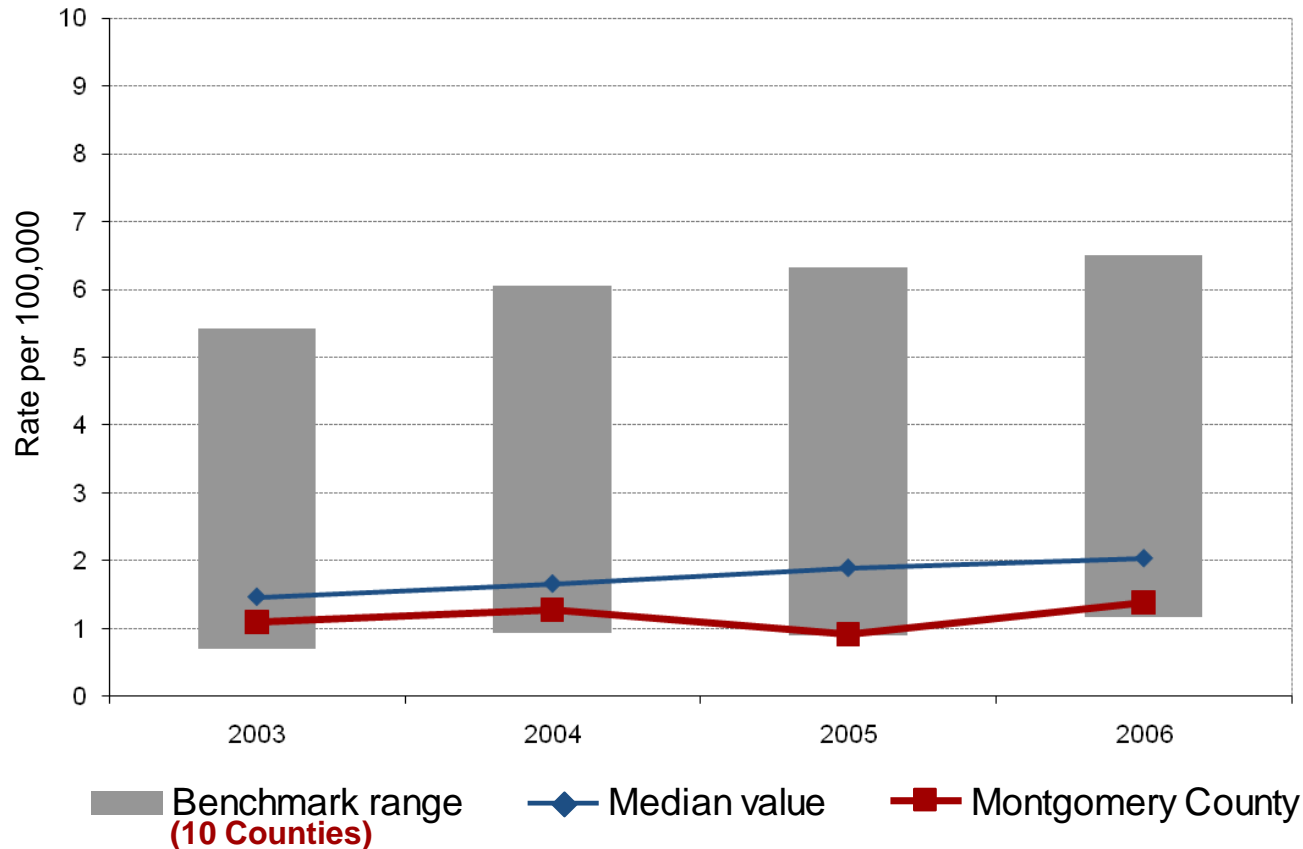
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Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Chlamydia case rate per 100,000**

In 2006, the median value was 1.53 percent. In Montgomery County, there were 1.38 Chlamydia cases per 100,000 population. In 2006, the highest value was 3.35 per 100,000 and the lowest value was 0.67 per 100,000.



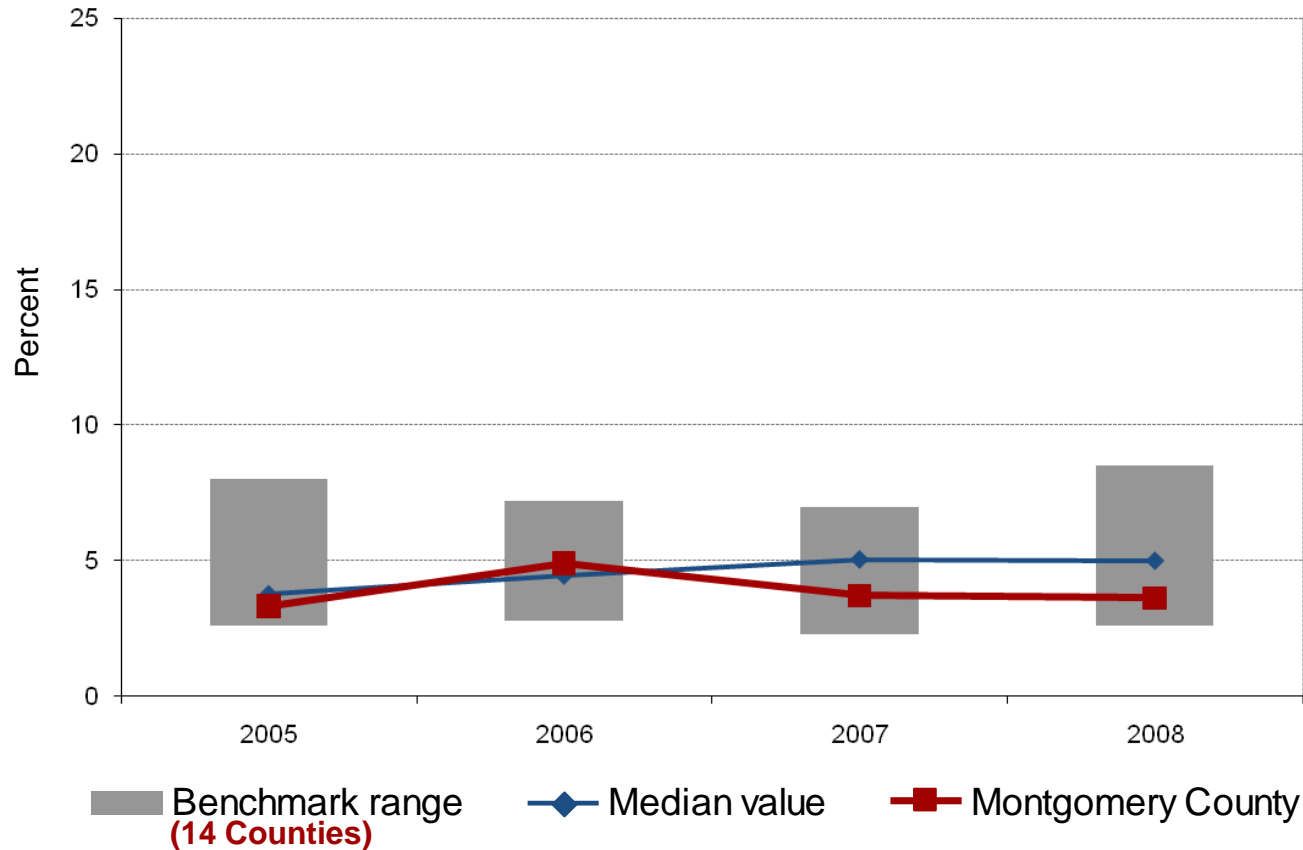
Source: Office of Women's Health, U.S. Health and Human Services; Healthy People 2010; only 2003-2006 data available

Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Chlamydia case rate per 100,000**

In 2006, the median value was 2.03 percent. In Montgomery County, there were 1.38 Chlamydia cases per 100,000 population. In 2006, the highest value was 6.5 per 100,000 and the lowest value was 1.18 per 100,000.

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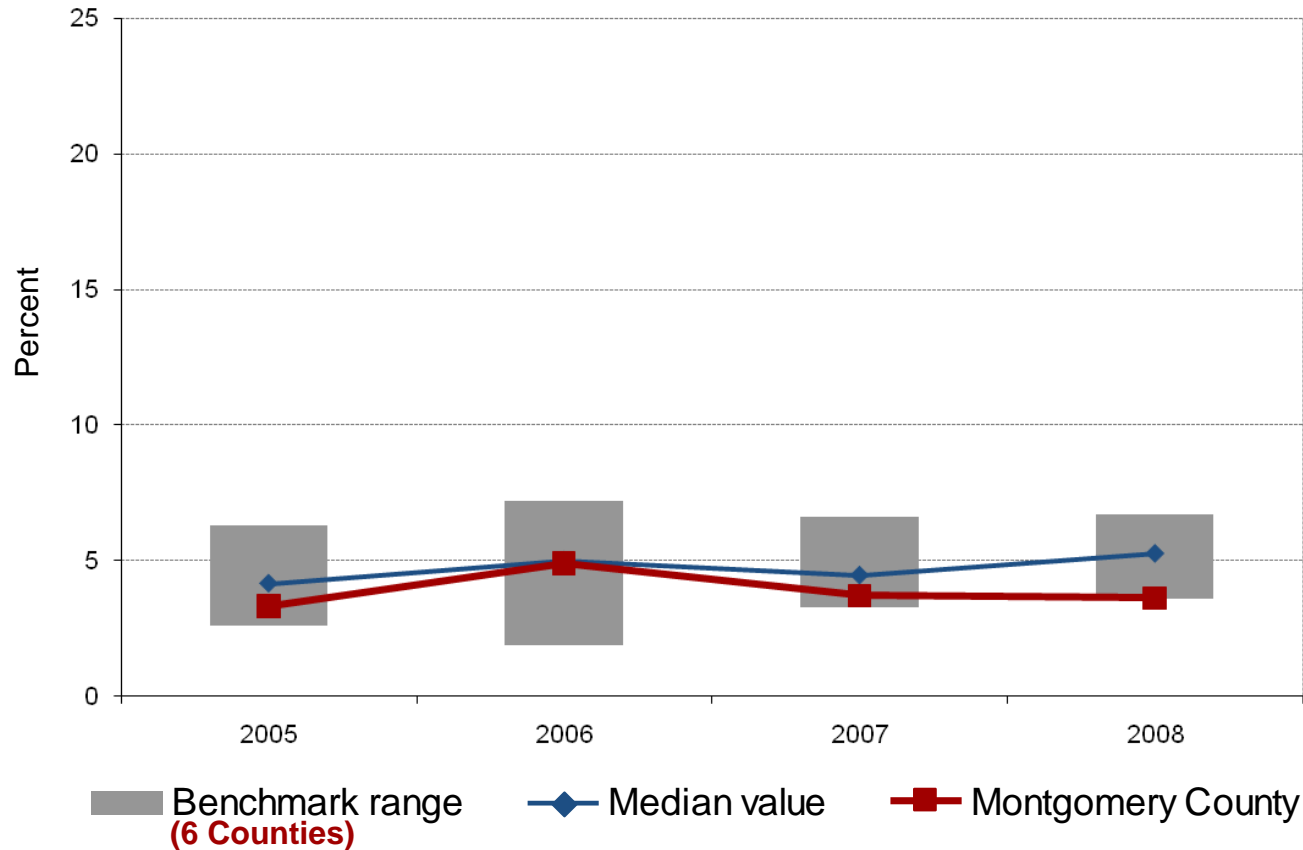


Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Percent of adults who are heavy drinkers**

In 2008, the median value was 5 percent. In Montgomery County, 3.6% percent of adults reported they were heavy drinkers. In 2008, the highest value was 8.5% and the lowest value was 2.6%.



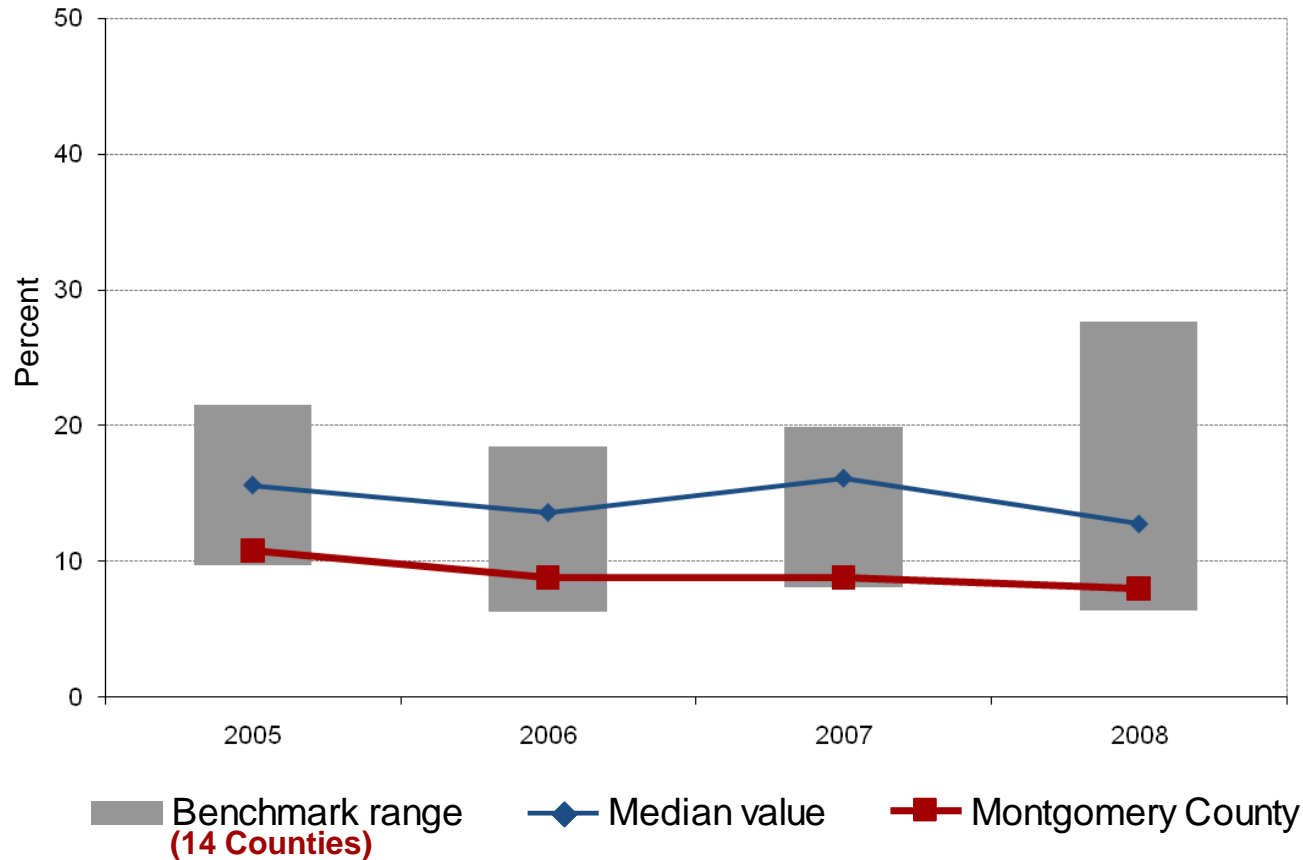
Source: Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, CDC

Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Percent of adults who are heavy drinkers**

In 2008, the median value was 5.3 percent. In Montgomery County, 3.6% percent of adults reported they were heavy drinkers. In 2008, the highest value was 6.7% and the lowest value was 3.6%.



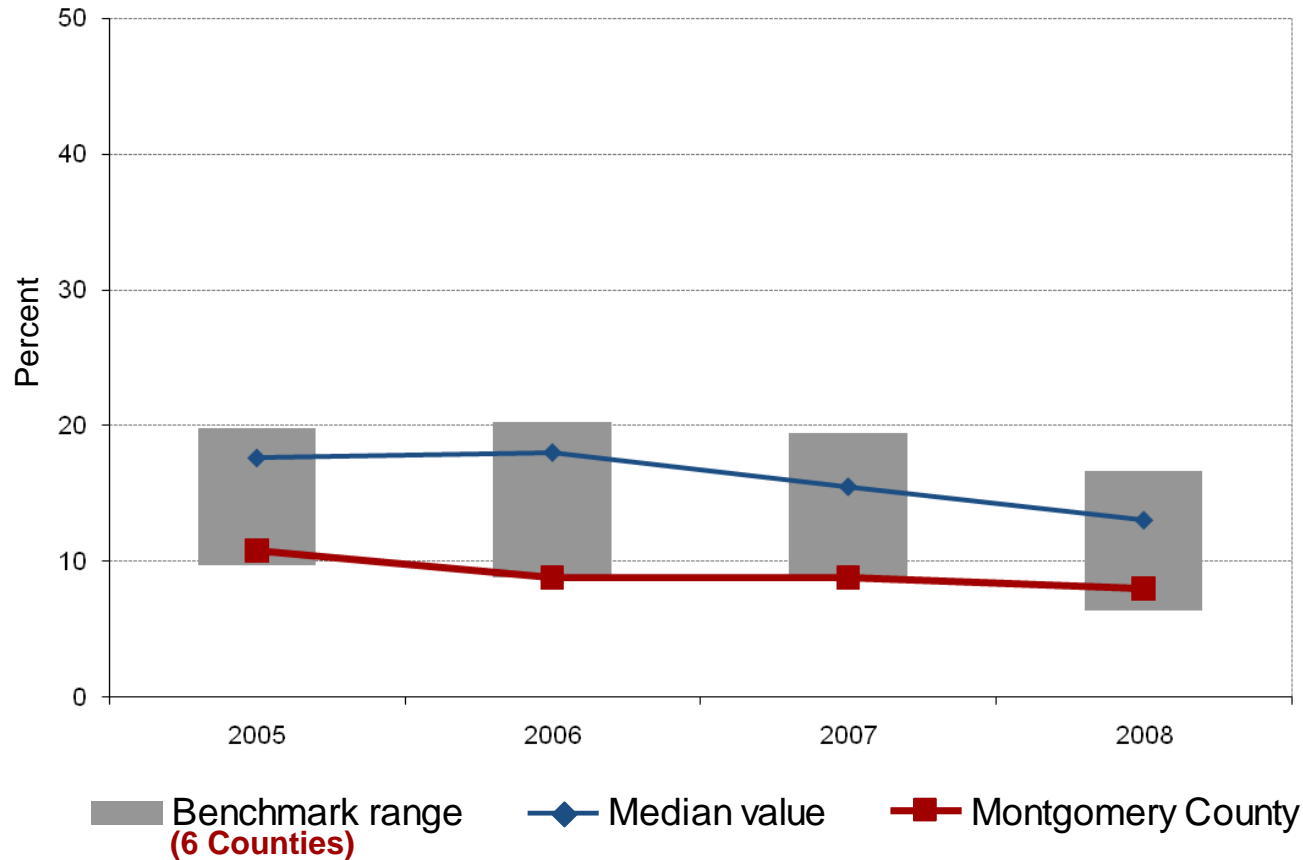
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Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Percent of adults who are current smokers**

In 2008, the median value was 13 percent. In Montgomery County, 8% percent of adults reported they were current smokers. In 2008, the highest value was 28% and the lowest value was 6%.



Source: Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, CDC

Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Percent of adults who are current smokers**

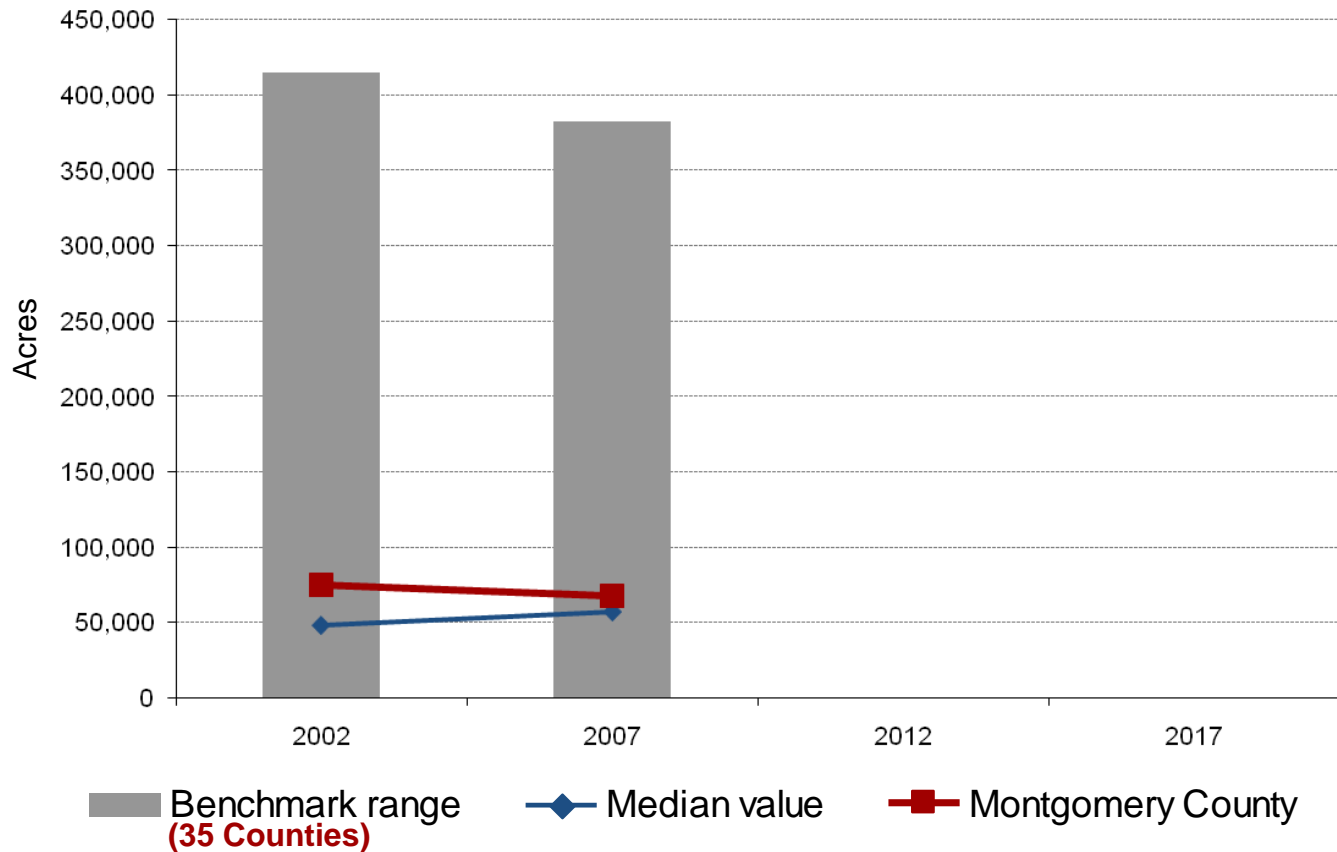
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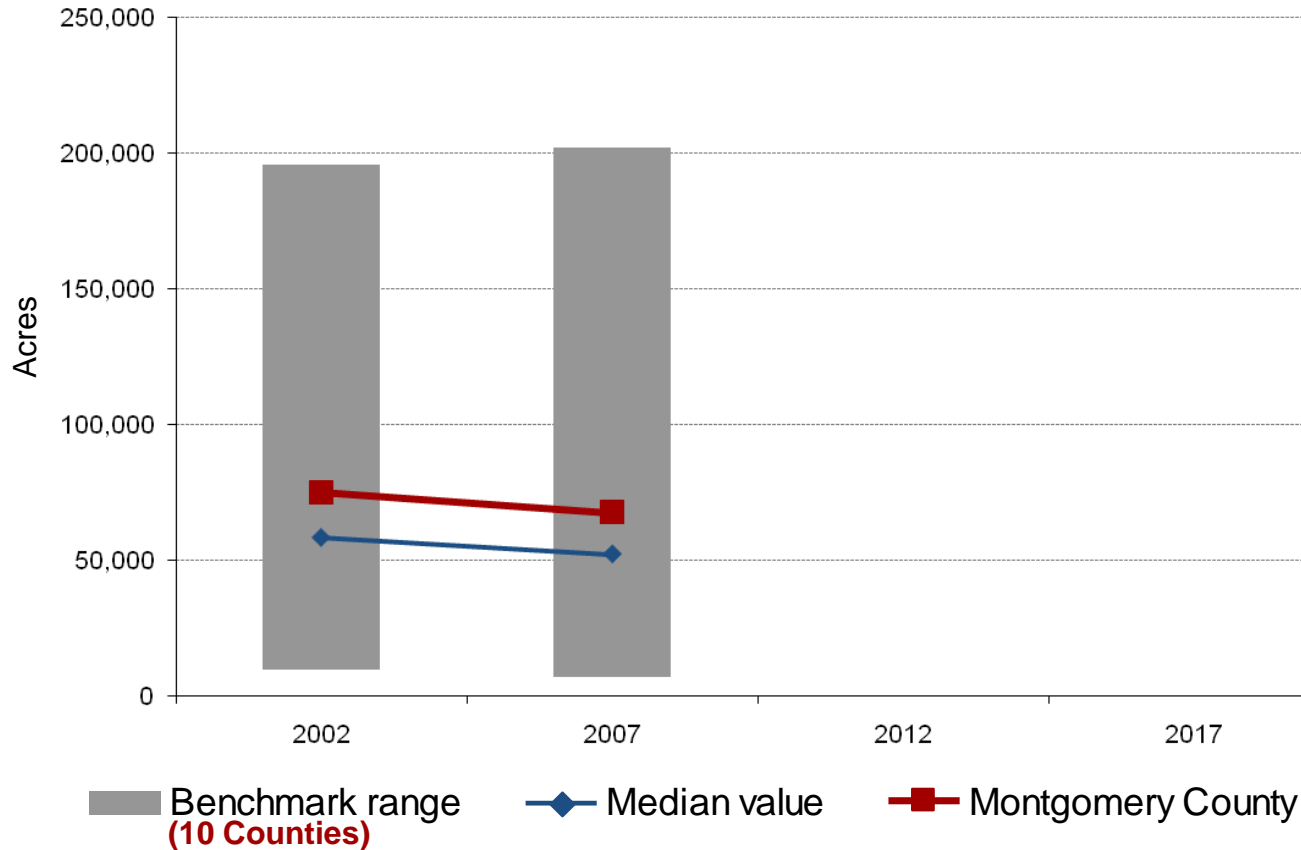
Indicator: Acres of farmland



In 2007, the median value was 57,089 acres. In Montgomery County, there were 67,613 acres of farmland. In 2007, the highest value was 382,740 and the lowest value was 1,177.



Source: USDA Agricultural Census; Note: Census is conducted every 5 years

Healthy and Sustainable Communities**Indicator: Acres of farmland**

In 2007, the median value was 52,309 acres. In Montgomery County, there were 67,613 acres of farmland. In 2007, the highest value was 202,087 and the lowest value was 7,031.



Source: USDA Agricultural Census; Note: Census is conducted every 5 years